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## APPEAL MADE FOR CLEANER LIVING

FINE INSPIRATIONAL MEN'S  
MEETING HELD AT METH-  
ODIST CHURCH.

## GOOD ATTENDANCE

Address Made by Rev. Felts  
and Dr. J. W. Lipscomb—  
Strong Appeals In Be-  
half of Young Men.

Appeals for a clean living and a clean thinking citizenship and a compelling appeal in behalf of the young manhood of Columbus met with hearty and cordial response in the hearts of over 300 men assembled for the men's meeting at the First Methodist church Sunday night.

It was a wonderful meeting and the issues of right living and morality were put squarely up to the men of Columbus.

A free and frank discussion of the sex problem by Dr. J. W. Lipscomb and Rev. J. H. Felts made a profound impression on all present, unfurnished food for serious thought on this grave and serious problem.

Some men may have attended the meeting to satisfy idle curiosity, and some may have attended just to see what they had to say, but the seriousness of the problem and man's relation to it was resolving in the mind of every man as he left the meeting.

He had heard the issue which challenged his sense of duty as a moral force in the community, and impressed upon him his obligation as a citizen and as a man in all of his human relations.

The finer senses of the man were appealed to in a most forcible manner and it had a visible effect on all present. The men sat for more than an hour in rapt attention as the speakers presented the matter.

Crass words were not used in the discussions by the speakers. It was a delicate subject, but one the lack of free discussion of which has brought untold sorrow and wreck and ruin into the lives of thousands of young men.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Felts. His prayer was fervent, free and earnest. It was liberal in its appeal and scope, recognizing men in all the stages of the social status, clean living and right thinking men, men out of the church and men in the church, men who are inclined to do the right thing and men who are indifferent. He declared that all these men were susceptible to the same impulses and the same desires and passions, and appealed to clean living and the ultimate ideal of right living.

In a few well chosen words he introduced Dr. J. W. Lipscomb, who delivered a most effective address touching on the various phases of sexual relations. He spoke with the authority of years of practice and study of his profession. He presented startling facts showing the dangerous effects and consequences of immoral living. His statements were substantiated and sustained by the reading of opinions of medical authorities, and from his own experience as a practicing physician. He deplored conditions existing in Columbus and appealed to the citizenship to join in the fight to keep these evils down to the minimum.

He was followed by Rev. Felts, who made a strong and compelling appeal for right living and a higher moral standard. He was most liberal and fair in his presentation of the subject.

He said that the meeting had not been called on the initiative of the ministers of the city or any particular denomination, but at the request of the United States Public Health Service; that the meeting was a part of a great nation-wide movement instituted by the government for the betterment of social conditions.

He solemnly pledged that his sole desire and purpose in the whole matter was to save the young men of the community from the dangerous and awful consequences of sex-

## TWENTY FIVE MIL- LION ROAD BONDS

NEXT LEGISLATURE WILL  
BE ASKED TO AUTHOR-  
IZE PROGRAM.

## ROADS ARE BOOSTED

Revision of State Laws Neces-  
sary to Secure Federal Aid  
and Support.

JACKSON, Miss., Oct. 14.—Com-  
mittee on the action of the state  
fair management in finding its air-  
ward boosting the good and better  
roads movement by designating  
Thursday, Oct. 23, as Good Road  
day, Favor A. Kramer, state high-  
way engineer, spoke in gratified  
terms. If there is any department  
of activity before the people of Mis-  
sissippi, common with those of the  
country at large, that is of more  
vital interest or practical moment  
than the work of putting the dirt  
roads in usable condition, it is cer-  
tainly not apparent, according to  
Engineer Kramer.

In order to stir up interest and  
carry information to the people  
generally concerning the road boost-  
ing movement, Mr. Kramer has pre-  
pared a call, suggesting a general  
gathering of road enthusiastic mot-  
orists, county supervisors, county  
and district engineers, in order that  
the once potential Mississippi Good  
Roads Association may be reorgan-  
ized on a firmer and more enduring  
basis.

Such an organization, if properly  
fostered, will have a great weight  
in shaping the course of desired leg-  
islation when the next body of Mis-  
sissippi lawmakers convenes. As  
stated by Engineer Kramer:

"One of the most important sub-  
jects to be considered by the new  
Legislature will be the laws pro-  
viding for continuing the improve-  
ment of roads in the state. The con-  
tinuation of federal aid for road im-  
provement is assured, and in larger  
amounts than heretofore. But the  
federal bureau of public roads re-  
sists on a revision of certain of our  
laws if we are to receive its full co-  
operation, and an adequate state  
highway department must be pro-  
vided for."

Speaking of the proposed bond  
floating bill which has been advo-  
cated by a large number of thought-  
ful and far-seeing men, Engineer  
Kramer said:

"The State Highway Department  
has prepared a bill to be introduced  
for a state bond issue of \$25,000,000.  
This bond issue is not to be predi-  
cated on an ad valorem tax, but will  
be based on the automobile license  
tax, which it is proposed to fund in-  
to bonds."

"The automobile tax is now paid  
into the road funds of the general  
counties of the state, but no substan-  
tial benefit is received generally."

"Of course, the total amount of  
the bonds proposed is not to be in-  
sured at once, nor to be sold at one  
time. Perhaps it will be considered  
better not to issue bonds, but to  
spend annually, on a designated  
scheme of roads, the amount of au-  
tomobile tax collected, together with  
the available federal aid funds."

The great meeting of automobile  
people held here this week has given  
a substantial boost to the road  
strengthening programme of the  
State Highway Department. These  
are men who represent one of the  
greatest industries in the state to-  
day—the motor transport industry—  
in which millions are invested,  
which it is their prerogative and  
business to protect at every way.

Columbus friends of Mr. and Mrs.  
Harold McGeorge of Memphis, will  
be interested in learning that they  
have named their little son Harold  
McGeorge, Jr.

and indulgence, and he closed with  
a fervent appeal to all men to join  
in the campaign which has as its  
purpose the saving of young men  
from the dangers and evil influences  
that beset their way as they are  
passing through the adolescent  
stage, the most critical period in  
the life of every young man.

## VALUABLE ROAD TO BIGBEE VALLEY

Prosperous Section of Noxubee  
Wants Direct Trade Route  
To Columbus.

A delegation of prominent Noxubee  
county citizens visited Colum-  
bus last week for the purpose of  
presenting to the supervisors of  
the people of this county a road  
project in which they are all inter-  
ested and which, if possible, a  
road, will add a large and valuable  
trade territory to this city and sec-  
tion. It is none other than a con-  
spicuous Bigbee Valley country north-  
west with a road from the present  
county line which, if connected  
with, will place Columbus within 2  
miles of this territory, whereas the  
distance now via Crawford is some-  
thing like 44 miles. The plan out-  
lined and advocated is the building  
of three miles of road from the  
Moore's Bluff south to connect with  
the Noxubee county road to the  
north, connecting with it and  
therefore giving the people of the  
section a direct route to Columbus.

The bond money voted for con-  
struction in District No. 4 does  
not include the construction of this  
link, and there is no way to recon-  
struct it is by popular subscrip-  
tion from the merchants and busi-  
ness men of this city, supplemented  
by the support which enterprising  
citizens of that section will give. It  
is understood that Messrs. Pratt  
Freeman, Vaughan and other land  
owners in this county who would be  
benefitted by the road, have agreed  
to help it most liberally and if the  
plan can be carried out while the  
road forces are working in that sec-  
tion the road can be built for  
\$6,000, a small sum considering the  
large return in trade it would bring  
to this city. The matter was dis-  
cussed at the last meeting of the  
board who heartily support the  
undertaking, but they are with-  
out means to carry it through. Citizens  
and business men of Columbus  
should take the project in hand and  
arrange to supply the funds for it  
will prove a valuable investment  
for this whole community.

In the delegation which visited  
this city from Noxubee were Mes-  
srs. Josh Cavett, H. H. Brooks, J.  
C. Cavett, Wilson Stevens, Al-  
Swan, E. V. Yates, E. T. Savat,  
Charles Strong and Ben Doe.

## Hon. B. A. Lincoln Elected Commander

Again Chosen Commander Tennessee  
Department, Sons of Confederate  
Veterans—Over Florida Man.

A signal honor was paid to Hon. B.  
A. Lincoln at the Atlanta Re-union of  
the Sons of Confederate Veterans. He  
was again chosen as commander of the  
Tennessee Department of Confederate  
Veterans, and was again elected over  
a strong candidate from Florida,  
Hon. A. Y. Spencer. Mr. Lincoln was  
nominated by Judge Hunley, of Hunts-  
ville, Ala., one of the strong men of  
the reunion and he beat his opponent  
by a good vote. His friends at the  
reunion tendered him an ovation after  
the election was over and his defeated  
opponent very promptly moved to  
make the election unanimous.

The Tennessee department is the  
central department of the great or-  
ganization. It is composed of five  
states, Tennessee, Mississippi, Ala-  
bama, Georgia and Florida. Mr. Lin-  
coln has made a good record as com-  
mander of this important adjunct of  
the Confederate Veterans. He is  
now serving his second term in this  
important position. His friends at  
home rejoice in the honors that have  
come to him.

## PRUDE MAY LOCATE HERE.

It is rumored in local legal and  
political circles that Hon. J. O.  
Prude, Jr., of Amory, who managed  
Oscar Johnston's campaign for gov-  
ernor, will locate in Columbus and  
take up the practice of his profes-  
sion here. Mr. Prude is an able  
young lawyer and formerly lived in  
Alabama. He went to Amory a  
few years ago where he has been  
eminently successful in the practice  
of law.

## LAWYERS STAGE FIGHT OVER FEES

Matter Of Fees In Harrison  
Johnston Estate Case Be-  
fore Chancery Court.

A unique legal fight was staged in  
the chancery court yesterday after-  
noon.

It was a fight over fees between  
lawyers. The Aberdeen bar, or the  
heavy weights of the neighboring  
town's legal talent, supported by  
Judge Robbins of the Tupelo bar was  
arrayed against the phalanx of the  
Columbus bar.

The fight grew out of the matter of  
attorneys' and executors' fees in the  
estate of the late Harrison Johnston.

Messrs. Houston and Houston, who  
represent the executors of the estate  
came down from Aberdeen yesterday  
and brought legal talent and opinion  
as reinforcements. When the mat-  
ter came up for hearing they put  
Judge J. Q. Robbins of Tupelo on the  
stand who testified that \$5,000 at  
attorney's fee and \$5,000 executors' fee  
was fair and reasonable for the han-  
dling of the affairs and litigation of the  
estate which amounted to \$102,000.  
Judge Robbins testimony was  
supported by that of Mr. Tabb who  
had a similar opinion as to the reason-  
able fee.

This testimony startled counsel for  
the legatees of the estate, Messrs.  
Sturdivant, Owen, and Garnett, and  
Col. William Baldwin, and they called  
a hurried conference of the mem-  
bers of the Columbus bar present in  
the court room.

The legal bar then went into action  
as low pressure units, and paradoxi-  
cal as it may seem, they tore the big  
fee opinions all to pieces, and the re-  
sultant opinion among them was that  
\$2,500 for the attorneys and a like  
sum for the executors was fair, and  
just and reasonable.

The court decided: Attorneys  
fees \$7,500, executors \$5,000.

## FOOT BALL RESULTS OVER THE SOUTH

UNIVERSITY, Ala., Oct. 11.—  
The football team of the University  
of Mississippi outclassed and sur-  
passed in every angle of the game  
was defeated in a one-sided battle  
with Alabama here this afternoon  
by a score of 49 to 0. The Mis-  
sissippians put up a brave fight but  
were unable to stand the heavy  
line of the Crimson machine, and  
Alabama's speedy backfield.

Lenoir, the game little halfback  
for the "thin red line," created a  
sensation of the game by break-  
ing through the opposing line and  
sprouting for 80 yards for a touch-  
down. Alabama's punting  
quarterback, rivaling Lenoir when  
he broke loose and ran 60 yards for  
a touchdown. These two crimson  
warriors are destined to win fame  
for themselves throughout the  
south.

"Ole Miss," although she fought  
bravely every inch of the way, was  
unable to make fourth down a sen-  
sitive time. The game began with  
Mississippi kicking off for Alabama. Mis-  
sissippi punted out of danger. Al-  
abama steadily swept down the field  
and Lenoir made the first touchdown  
eight minutes after the game had  
been called. Boone failed this time  
and twice more to kick. O'Connor  
was only able to kick once out  
of three tries.

Alabama began a mad drive in the  
third quarter, during which four  
touchdowns were made. In this  
quarter the Crimson players were  
realized several times for holding  
and offside. The visitors received  
no penalties. Feaster, right guard  
for "Ole Miss" received an injury  
in the third quarter which necessitated  
that he be carried from the  
field.

Score by quarters:  
Alabama ..... 6 12 26 49  
Mississippi ..... 0 0 0 0

Lineup:  
Alabama Positions Ole Miss  
1. Hovater ..... Left end ..... McDowell  
2. Brown ..... Left tackle ..... Ray  
3. Johnston ..... Left guard ..... Farmer  
4. Sessions ..... Center ..... Creekmore  
5. Jones ..... Right guard ..... Feaster  
6. Good ..... Right tackle ..... Gordon  
7. Boone ..... Right end ..... Cowart (c)  
8. Bartlett ..... Quarter ..... Carney  
9. Senior ..... Left half ..... Jiggett  
10. Bennett ..... Right half ..... Lake  
11. Stevenson ..... Full ..... Morris

## MILITIA MEETING THURSDAY NIGHT

Meeting Called to Arouse Inter-  
est In Proposed Rifle  
Company.

A call has been issued for a citi-  
zens' meeting at the City Hall Thurs-  
day night at 8 o'clock at which time  
the matter of organizing a rifle com-  
pany for Columbus will be consid-  
ered.

The movement looking to the or-  
ganization of the company here was  
initiated several days ago and Capt.  
Tom Evans and Mr. Jake Sharp, who  
recently received their discharge  
from the National Army, after many  
months of actual service, Capt.  
Evans was selected to lead the move-  
ment.

All loyal citizens of the community  
and especially young men who are el-  
igible for membership in the com-  
pany, are urged to attend the meet-  
ing Thursday night.

Officers of the company will be  
elected by the men themselves after  
the organization has been perfected.  
It is imperative that prompt action  
be taken in the organization work as  
there are only twelve infantry com-  
panies allotted to Mississippi and the  
first organizations that present them-  
selves for muster will be taken into  
the service.

The State militia is being re-or-  
ganized on a most liberal basis. The  
men will be paid one-fourth of regu-  
lar army pay and the Federal gov-  
ernment will furnish all equipment  
including uniforms, rifles, machine  
guns and other necessary equipment.

Attend the meeting Thursday  
night at eight o'clock.

## Magazines Stopped; Result of Strike

New York Oct. 9.—Every maga-  
zine printing establishment in this  
city has been closed as a result of the  
"quarrel between certain local unions  
and their international unions" ac-  
cording to announcement tonight by  
the Periodical Publishers' Associa-  
tion of America.

Resultant of the strike and lockout  
prevailing in book and job offices,  
the following publications will not ap-  
pear on time, the association announ-  
ced.

Collier's Weekly, McClures, Pictor-  
ial Review, Cosmopolitan, Heart's  
Magazine, Harper's Bazar, Good  
Housekeeping, Harper's Magazine,  
Metropolitan, Scribner's Magazine,  
Century, Munsey's, Popular, Delinea-  
tor, Everybody's Magazine, McCall's,  
Popular Science Monthly, Vogue,  
Vanity Fair, Motion Picture Magazine,  
and 152 others as well as many of the  
largest trade papers in the country.

Another effect of the printing strike  
union here is that the Long Island  
railroad has had to postpone indefi-  
nitely the date on which it had plan-  
ned to introduce its winter schedule,  
according to an announcement made  
by Ralph Peters, federal manager of  
the road, who explained that because  
of the printing strike, the road could  
not publish its time table.

## WEEKLY COTTON REPORT.

Following is the weekly cotton  
statement of the Columbus Cotton  
Exchange:  
Receipts last report ..... 1119  
Corresponding date ..... 5396  
Receipts this week ..... 1229  
Corresponding date ..... 1326  
Shipments last report ..... 522  
Shipments this week ..... 166  
Total shipments ..... 688  
Corresponding date ..... 3707  
Stock on hand ..... 3239  
Corresponding date ..... 3522

## COTTON STILL ADVANCING.

Cotton continues to advance, and  
a hundred points advance was re-  
corded yesterday. The demand for  
it was good and cotton was selling  
for 35 cents.

Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Mott left  
Sunday for Cincinnati, where they  
will attend the International Con-  
vention of the Christian church,  
October 18th to 20th. Prof. McBeath  
will occupy the pulpit here in the  
absence of the pastor.

Hon. Ames Saunders, well known  
attorney of Starksville, and formerly  
district attorney of third district  
was in the city yesterday on legal  
business.

## INJUNCTION WENT TO TRIAL TUESDAY

FIRE TRUCK INJUNCTION  
IS NOW IN CHANCERY  
COURT ON ITS MERITS.

## MOVED TO DISSOLVE

Is First Action of Attorney For  
City—Asks Damages In Sum  
of \$973—Trial Goes Into  
Today.

The fire truck injunction case went  
to trial yesterday morning at 11  
o'clock in the chancery court of  
Lowndes county.

The injunction which restrained the  
city from the purchase of a fire fight-  
ing truck on the grounds of irregu-  
lar action in its purchase by the city  
council is now before the court for  
trial on its merits.

It is probable the trial will be com-  
pleted today after all the arguments  
are presented.

The first move when the case was  
called yesterday was the filing of a  
motion by Gen. E. T. Sykes, city at-  
torney, praying for dissolution of the  
injunction. The motion was supple-  
mented by the presentation to the  
court of a suggestion of damages in  
the sum of \$973, the amount of ex-  
pense the city has sustained or ob-  
ligated itself to assume as a result of  
the injunction proceedings.

The amount of suggested damages  
is distributed as follows: Automobile  
hire to take city attorney to Stark-  
ville \$12.50; expense of trip to Ack-  
erman \$14.50; rental on substitute  
fire truck from American LaFrance  
company at \$5 per day \$310; fee of  
city attorney for representing city in  
defending injunction proceedings \$500.

After the filing of the motion to dis-  
solve Attorney W. E. Johnson for the  
engineers read the original bill of  
injunction and in response to this  
Gen. Sykes read the city's answer.  
Mr. Johnson is being assisted by Mr.  
E. E. Calloway.

The case was somewhat delayed in  
the afternoon in order to give right  
of way, by agreement to the hearing  
of the final settlement of the Har-  
rison Johnston estate. This consum-  
ed most of the afternoon.

Court did not convene Monday  
morning as scheduled on account of  
the inability of Judge Woodward to  
reach the city. He arrived in the  
afternoon however, and the opening  
session was promptly convened. After  
approving vacation actions of Clerk  
B. A. Lincoln, the docket was sound-  
ed and cases set. Several divorce  
cases were disposed of Tuesday morn-  
ing before the injunction case was  
called.

The Harrison Johnston case reach-  
ed out further than was expected and  
the injunction case was passed until  
this morning at nine o'clock.

## PROPT-PLOTT.

The marriage of Mr. William  
Propst and Miss Mary Lee Plott, was  
quietly celebrated last Monday after-  
noon at the home of Judge R. L.  
Bradley in Montgomery, Ala. Dr.  
Holt, pastor of the First Methodist  
church officiated, after which the  
happy couple left for this city which  
will be their future home after spend-  
ing a few days in Bigbee.

The bride is a niece of Judge L.  
Bradley, now State Treasurer,  
formerly probate judge of Lamar  
county. Mr. Propst was formerly a  
member of the Montgomery team of  
ball players and is well known in this  
city and has a wide circle of friends.  
Both are popular with a wide circle  
of friends whose best wishes will at-  
tend them through their wedded life.

## PASSES EXAMINATION.

Mr. Joe Alford has been notified  
by the State Pharmaceutical Board  
that he successfully passed the phar-  
macy examination which he stood in  
Jackson recently. Mr. Alford has  
been employed at Weaver & Harring-  
ton's drug store for several years  
and by close application to his work  
and diligent study he mastered the  
technical phases of pharmacy and  
when the time came for the test by the  
State Board came out with a  
splendid grade. He is to be congrat-  
ulated on his fine achievement which  
is unusual for a young man who has  
not had the advantages of a techni-  
cal education.

## PROHIBITION SOON TO BE IN EFFECT

MEASURE FOR ITS ENFOR-  
CEMENT SOON TO BE  
COME LAW.

## OFFICERS ARE BUSY

Nation Wide Campaign to Se-  
cure Enforcement of New  
Law—No 2-3-4 Per Ct.  
Beer.

Washington, Oct. 14.—Enactment  
of the prohibition enforcement bill  
was completed today by Congress  
with the House adopting the Confer-  
ence report, already agreed to by the  
Senate, and sending the measure to  
the President for approval.

Preceding the House approval of  
the report by a vote of 321 to 70, vain  
effort was made to send it back to  
conference with instruction to elimi-  
nate a certain section, permitting  
state authorities to issue search war-  
rants.

Conference on the motion of Rep-  
resentative Igoe, of Missouri, who  
protested against state officers en-  
forcing federal law, through their au-  
thority to issue search warrants and  
complained that similar provision had  
been overwhelmingly defeated in the  
House.

Opposing Mr. Igoe's argument Rep-  
resentative Webb, Democrat, of N.  
C., said that the House disapproval of  
the provision was due to the false im-  
pression that state officers would be  
given the power of arrest as well as  
search. The House voted down the  
Igoe motion, 215 to 83.

Beyond this final attempt the  
wets contented themselves by voicing  
complaint against the measure as  
"un-American" and accusing the  
House conferees of exceeding their  
authority by accepting some Senate  
amendments to the measure.

Complete congressional approval  
of the bill means that the days of 2  
3-4 per cent beers are numbered. The  
bill becomes effective as soon as  
it is signed by President Wilson, or  
within ten days should his illness  
prevent his acting upon it. Simul-  
taneous with the president's signature  
the wartime enforcement section be-  
comes effective. This section as  
well as the constitutional enforce-  
ment portion prohibits manufacture  
or sale of any liquor containing more  
than one-half of one per cent of al-  
cohol.

Commissioner Daniel Roper of the  
Internal Revenue Department is to-  
night awaiting the signal from Pres-  
ident Wilson to open a nation wide  
campaign to jam down the war pro-  
hibition lid.

Roper let it be known today that  
the machinery is all ready and will  
be put into motion as soon as the  
president signs the prohibition en-  
forcement bill, which is now techni-  
cally before him.

This is taken to mean that Roper  
will have his forces in the field in  
every state some time next week. The  
bill will probably be delivered to the  
White House Monday. Then the  
White House will send it to Attorney  
General Palmer for a scrutiny as to  
its constitutionality. That should get  
the bill back to the president by Wed-  
nesday or Thursday. If the presi-  
dent should find himself too sick to  
sign the bill, it automatically be-  
comes a law in ten days.

Wholesale arrests of bootleggers  
are expected to be made during the  
first few weeks after Roper throws  
his forces into the field.

Although Roper today was silent  
as to his plans for the fight, it was  
indicated that he will wage it by  
states through a greatly enlarged  
force of detectives and bureau agents  
and special investigators.

Internal revenue collectors in every  
section of the country will work under  
the direction of a Federal prohibition  
official assigned to each state.

The enforcement bill defines pro-  
hibited intoxicating beverages as  
those containing more than one-half  
of one per cent alcohol. This re-  
moves all doubt that the sale of 2.75  
beer is illegal, officials said today.

Under the law the internal reve-  
nue bureau will be responsible only  
for gathering the evidence of viola-  
tions of the law. Prosecutions will  
be started and carried through by  
the Department of Justice.